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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
MARTIN SOHN, ET AL. : EXAMINER: BROOKS, CLINTON A.
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

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SIR:

The following is the general nature of the undersigned attorney's discussion during the July 8, 2010 interview with the examiner.

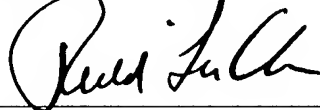
"In the interview, Examiner discussed his position regarding the limitation "the pressure in each stage being lower than the previous stage". According to the Examiner, the pressure drop is an inherent property since the claims as recited read on natural pressure drop. Further, the Examiner pointed to evidence of this inherent property in the instant specification. Further, the Examiner discussed his position on the three stages. Since the claims do not prove a structural or temporal limitation regarding the residence apparatus, a broad reading of the claims includes the interpretation of a timeframe no matter how small. Thus, a portion of a column could be the residence apparatus. Further, the Examiner pointed out that the combination of residence times (for example claim 5) and separate stages where the pressure is regulated between the residence apparatus and the at least one reaction column (for

example claim 9) would limit the claims such that the current interpretation would not apply.”

Respectfully submitted,

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